



## KEY U.S. SENATE RACES

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### Arizona (Open Seat)

This seat is being vacated by retiring Republican Senator Jeff Flake. Two popular sitting U.S. Representatives, Martha McSally (R) and Kyrsten Sinema (D), will face-off for this highly contested Senate seat on Election Day.

Trump 2016 Margin: +3.6

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Toss-up, *FiveThirtyEight:* 64.3% Chance Democrat

### Florida

Incumbent Senator Bill Nelson (D) vs. Governor Rick Scott (R). Governor Scott's moderate tone and his handling of recent hurricanes have boosted his popularity. While Nelson has recovered slightly in recent polls, this remains one of the most competitive races in the country and could determine control of the U.S. Senate.

Trump 2016 Margin: +1.2

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Toss-up, *FiveThirtyEight:* 72% Chance Democrat

### Indiana

Incumbent Senator Joe Donnelly (D) vs. former State Representative Mike Braun (R). Donnelly is one of the most conservative Democrats in Congress. In campaign ads, he has said that healthcare will be socialized over his "dead body" and has emphasized his opposition to illegal immigration. He is favored in recent polls.

Trump 2016 Margin: +18.9

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Toss-up, *FiveThirtyEight:* 67.6% Chance Democrat

### Michigan

Incumbent Senator Debbie Stabenow (D) vs. military veteran John James (R). Stabenow has highlighted her bipartisanship in helping to draft the Senate Farm Bill, an issue that has played well in Michigan.

Trump 2016 Margin: +0.2

*Cook Report:* Likely Democrat, *Crystal Ball:* Safe Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 97.9% Chance Democrat

### Minnesota

Incumbent Senator Tina Smith (D) vs. State Senator Karin Housley (R). Smith is seen as the favorite here.

Trump 2016 Margin: -1.5

*Cook Report:* Leans Democrat, *Crystal Ball:* Likely Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 89.8% Chance Democrat

### Missouri

Incumbent Senator Claire McCaskill (D) vs. State Attorney General Josh Hawley (R). This is perhaps the GOP's best chance at an upset, due to the right lean of the state and McCaskill's "no" vote on Kavanaugh.

Trump 2016 Margin: +18.6

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Toss-up, *FiveThirtyEight:* 58.8% Chance Democrat

### Montana

Incumbent Senator Jon Tester (D) vs. State Auditor Matt Rosendale (R). Senator Tester, a former rancher, has focused on the impact of federal policy on farmers in his state. The race remains close.

Trump 2016 Margin: +20.5

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Leans Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 85.8% Chance Democrat

### Nevada

Incumbent Senator Dean Heller (R) vs. U.S. Representative Jacky Rosen (D). Democrats had polled well in Nevada prior to the fight over the Kavanaugh nomination. Heller has shown strength in polling ever since.

Trump 2016 Margin: +2.4

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Toss-up, *FiveThirtyEight:* 59% Chance Republican

### New Jersey

Incumbent Senator Robert Menéndez (D) vs. business executive Bob Hugin (R). Senator Menéndez is wounded from a corruption scandal for which the Senate Ethics Committee "severely admonished" him. While Menéndez is heavily favored, he has polled weakly in recent weeks. Republicans hope for an upset here.

Trump 2016 Margin: -14.1

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Likely Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 90.9% Chance Democrat

### North Dakota

Incumbent Senator Heitkamp (D) vs. U.S. Representative Kevin Cramer (R). Heitkamp voted against the Kavanaugh nomination despite his strong support in the state, and her polling has slipped ever since.

Trump 2016 Margin: +35.7

*Cook Report:* Leans Republican, *Crystal Ball:* Leans Republican, *FiveThirtyEight:* 67.8% Chance Republican

### Ohio

Incumbent Senator Sherrod Brown (D) vs. U.S. Representative Jim Renacci (R).

Trump 2016 Margin: +8.1

*Cook Report:* Likely Democrat, *Crystal Ball:* Likely Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 96.7% Chance Democrat

### Pennsylvania

Incumbent Senator Bob Casey, Jr. (D) vs. U.S. Representative Lou Barletta (R).

Trump 2016 Margin: +0.7

*Cook Report:* Likely Democrat, *Crystal Ball:* Safe Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 98% Chance Democrat

### Tennessee (Open Seat)

This seat is being vacated by retiring Republican Senator Bob Corker (R). U.S. Representative Marsha Blackburn (R) will face popular former Governor Phil Bredesen (D) in this highly competitive contest.

Trump 2016 Margin: +26

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Leans Republican, *FiveThirtyEight:* 75.7% Chance Republican

### Texas

Incumbent Senator Ted Cruz (R) vs. State Representative Beto O'Rourke (D). Despite national attention and historic fundraising, O'Rourke remains behind in the polls. His supporters hope an increasingly diverse electorate and record Democratic turnout will help to flip this reliably red state in a dramatic upset.

Trump 2016 Margin: +9

*Cook Report:* Toss-up, *Crystal Ball:* Leans Republican, *FiveThirtyEight:* 79.1% Chance Republican

## West Virginia

Incumbent Senator Joe Manchin (D) vs. State Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R). Senator Manchin is a popular politician in the state due to his moderate policies and friendliness toward President Trump.

Trump 2016 Margin: +42.1

*Cook Report:* Leans Democrat, *Crystal Ball:* Leans Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 89.3% Chance Democrat

## Wisconsin

Incumbent Senator Tammy Baldwin (D) vs. State Senator Leah Vukmir (R). Wisconsin is a solid swing state where Senator Baldwin has been able to maintain relatively modest approval ratings.

Trump 2016 Margin: +0.8

*Cook Report:* Likely Democrat, *Crystal Ball:* Likely Democrat, *FiveThirtyEight:* 97.9% Chance Democrat

## **BONUS:**

### Mississippi

This Senate race is unlikely to be resolved on Election Day due to its “runoff” law. Incumbent Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith, a gubernatorial appointee to replace retiring Senator Thad Cochran (R), will face three challengers on election day: State Senator Chris McDaniel (R), former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy (D), and independent candidate Tobey Barteaux. If no candidate gains 50% of votes, a runoff will be held between the top two candidates on November 27, 2018 (this is almost certain to happen). Democrats are hoping the split Republican vote will provide a pick-up opportunity. If control of the Senate remains undecided after Election Day, this runoff election will attract unprecedented national attention, not to mention money.

Trump 2016 Margin: +17.8

*Cook Report:* Leans Republican, *Crystal Ball:* Likely Republican, *FiveThirtyEight:* 87.7% Chance Republican